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with

Bernie Noonan, Burlington Northern RR

and

John Ryan, ERT

September 6, 1984

This afternoon, I separately talked to John Ryan, ERT, and Bernie Noonan, BN, and expressed my concern that high winds and high water at Flathead Lake could wash out the Somers marsh. I asked again if it would be possible to install riprap or sheet pile between the swamp and lake. Both John and Bernie expressed a concern about the difficulty of moving heavy equipment on the beach while it was under water, stating they would rather wait for the water level to recede. I acknowledged that this would be a problem, but stated that this is the time when the risk of washout is highest. Bernie Noonan said he would travel to Somers to get sand bags placed at the edge of the swamp to alleviate the danger of washout until the lake level recedes.

Bernie also stated that an employee of the Somers plant had already tried to pump creosote from the bottom of the swamp, but had been unsuccessful. He said that it apparently is already too cold to do any pumping this year.

